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# Community Informational

**TUCSON SECTOR BORDER PATROL --** In an effort to improve our communications within the community, we are sending you this Community Informational to inform you of significant actions taken by Border Patrol Agents in the Tucson Sector Area of Responsibility. We are excited to provide you this insight into issues that may appear in the media. We would appreciate your feedback and constructive criticism on how we can better keep you informed. If you would like to see something added, let us know. If you prefer not to receive this information, or know of someone who would like to receive it, please email us at [tcfieldcommunicationsbranch@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:tcfieldcommunicationsbranch@cbp.dhs.gov). Finally, feel free to forward this to others who may benefit from this information. The following is a rundown of activities that occurred over the past week within the Tucson Sector.

### Arrests

**(NCO)** Agents from the Naco Station arrested a juvenile illegal alien Monday identified through IAFIS as a Tiny Locos Sureno gang member. The subject was held for further processing.

**(NGL)** Agents from the Nogales Station arrested an illegal alien Friday and used the Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System (IAFIS) to identify the subject. It was determined through IAFIS that the man was a convicted sex offender. He was held for prosecution.

Criminal aliens, including sex offenders, are among the dangerous individuals who attempt to enter the United States illegally. Technology, such as IAFIS, helps the Border Patrol quickly identify criminals and bring them to an appropriate law enforcement resolution.

### Rescues and Recoveries

**(CAG)** Agents assigned to the Border Search, Trauma and Rescue Team rescued 10 illegal aliens Tuesday. The group had been abandoned by their guide and was lost in the west desert area. All subjects were in good health and are being held for processing.

**(NGL)** An off duty agent from the Nogales Station – trained as an emergency medical technician (EMT) – encountered a single rollover accident Tuesday. The agent tended to the driver's injuries until the arrival of a Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Deputy and an officer from the Department of Public Safety.

Tucson Sector has more than 200 agents trained as emergency medical technicians and more than 3,200 agents ready to respond to emergency situations. Although agents in the Tucson Sector stand ready to provide humanitarian assistance to anyone encountered in need, the summer heat continues to be a threat



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to human health. Unfortunately, smugglers value profits more than the lives of the people they attempt to smuggle across the border. Individuals who fall ill are often left behind by smugglers and can become victims of the desert.

### **Significant Seizures:**

**(DGL)** The Douglas Police Department (DPD) and Cochise County Sheriff's Office (CCSO), both Operation Stonegarden partners, assisted U.S. Border Patrol agents Tuesday with the seizure of 220 pounds of marijuana valued at more than \$176,000.

A concerned citizen reported seeing three individuals loading a vehicle with suspicious bundles. A CBP Office of Air and Marine aircraft assisted in locating the vehicle and directed Border Patrol agents on the ground to its location. When the suspect vehicle fled from Border Patrol agents, deputies from CCSO deployed a controlled tire deflation device bringing the suspect car to a safe stop. DPD officers also arrived to the scene and assisted with the arrest of the driver and passenger. Inside the vehicle, agents found three bundles of marijuana. The vehicle, marijuana and occupants were taken to the Douglas Border Patrol station for processing.

**(CAG)** In two separate incidents Sunday, U.S. Border Patrol agents assigned to the Casa Grande Station seized backpacks of marijuana with a total weight of more than 1,100 pounds and an estimated value of nearly \$886,000.

In the first incident, agents operating a Mobile Surveillance System (MSS) acquired a visual of suspected marijuana smugglers. Agents responded and interdicted ten illegal aliens and several backpacks of marijuana having an approximate weight of 500 pounds. The marijuana and the subjects were taken into custody.

Later, agents found and began tracking footprints of a group of suspected illegal aliens that led to the discovery of 12 abandoned marijuana backpacks. The marijuana, weighing more than 600 pounds, was taken to the Casa Grande Station for processing.

From Oct. 1, 2009, to July 31, 2010, the Tucson Sector Border Patrol seized more than 867,500 pounds of marijuana exceeding \$694 million in value.